PUFF.
PUFF.
I'VE FINALLY GOTTEN RID OF THE TEAM ROCKET MEMBERS.
PIKA AND CHUCHU SHOULD BE WITH UNCLE NOW...
BUT I DON'T UNDER-STAND...
. WHY WERE THEY AFTER MY HAT?
I HEAR A STRANGE BUZZING SOUND IN THIS FOREST..
ZAAW

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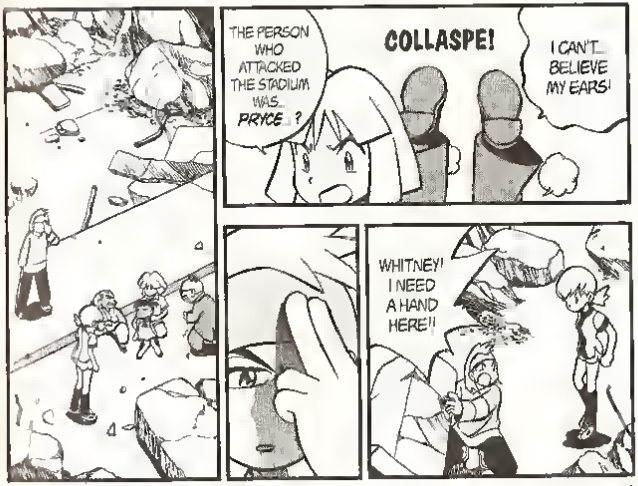
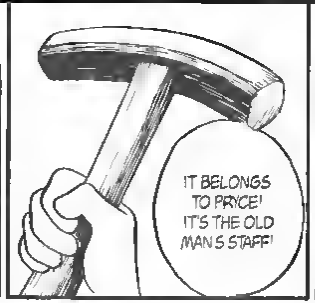
THE LAST BATTLE XII
YOU'RE THE GYM LEADER OF MAHOGANY, PRYCE!!
YEAH!
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE !!
DON'T YOU MOVE!!
SHANK

SO THIS IS THE TRUE IDENTITY OF THE MASKED MAN HIMSELF!
A WHEELCHAIR FRAMED BY A BODY OF ICE, WHICH SHRINKS AND ENLARGES AT WILL... AND MOVING EVEN WHEN THERE'S A HOLE IN YOUR STOMACH...
I'VE NO IDEA WHAT YOU PLAN TO DO WITH TIME CONTROL..
BUT IT CAN'T BE GOOD!!
I'M GONNA STOP YOU ANYWAY!!
THIS IS ALL I'VE TO SAY!!
ZOP
HUH?!
BAM
BOOOM

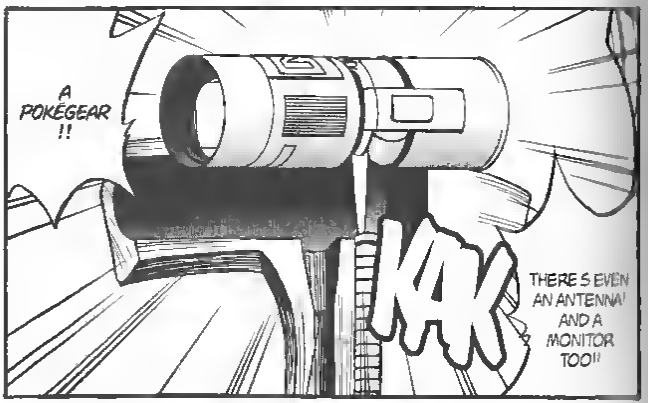
ZAAW
!!
OLD MAN!! LEAVE THOSE POKÉMON ALONE!!
DROP THAT CUE!!


THE PERSON WHO ATTACKED THE STADIUM WAS... PRYCE...?
COLLASPE!
I CAN'T... BELIEVE MY EARS!
WHITNEY! I NEED A HAND HERE!!

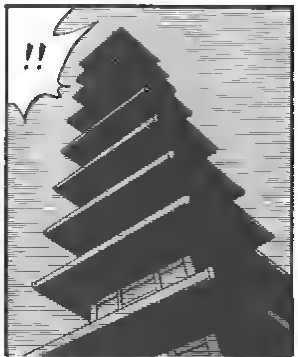
WHAT'S THIS?


IT BELONGS TO PRYCE! IT'S THE OLD MAN'S STAFF!

UH! LOOK!!


A POKÉGEAR !!
KAK
THERE'S EVEN AN ANTENNA! AND A MONITOR TOO!!

I WONDER WHAT IT SHOWS...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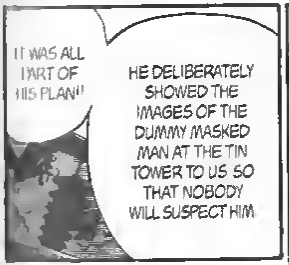
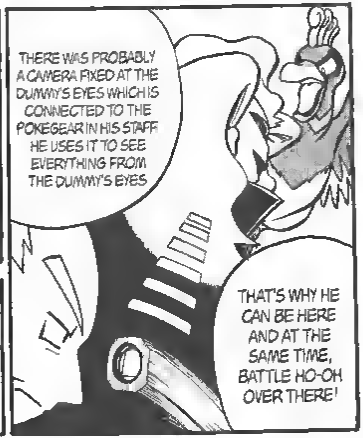
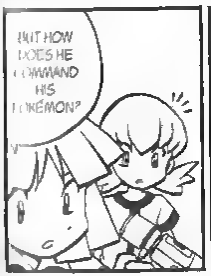
HE PLANNED EVERY-THING..
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

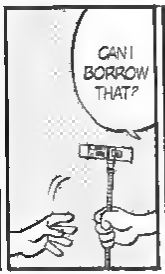
WHEN IMAGES OF THE MASKED MAN AND THE TIN TOWER APPEARED ON THE AURORA VISION, ALL THE LEADERS WERE AT THE STADIUM!
INCLUDING PRYCE HIMSELF!!

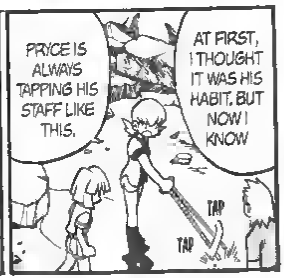

IT WAS ALL PART OF HIS PLAN!!
HE DELIBERATELY SHOWED THE IMAGES OF THE DUMMY MASKED MAN AT THE TIN TOWER TO US SO THAT NOBODY WILL SUSPECT HIM

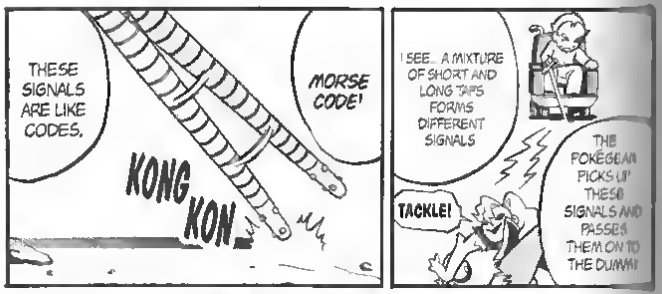

THERE WAS PROBABLY A CAMERA FIXED AT THE DUMMY'S EYES WHICH IS CONNECTED TO THE POKEGEAR IN HIS STAFF. HE USES IT TO SEE EVERYTHING FROM THE DUMMY'S EYES.
THAT'S WHY HE CAN BE HERE AND AT THE SAME TIME, BATTLE HO-OH OVER THERE!

DUMMY, MASKED MAN...
AHH...


BUT HOW DOES HE COMMAND HIS POKÉMON?

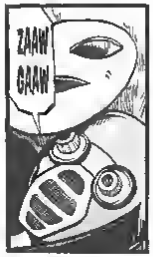

CAN I BORROW THAT?


PRYCE IS ALWAYS TAPPING HIS STAFF LIKE THIS.
AT FIRST, I THOUGHT IT WAS HIS HABIT, BUT NOW I KNOW
TAP
TAP


THESE SIGNALS ARE LIKE CODES.
MORSE CODE!
KONG KON

I SEE.. A MIXTURE OF SHORT AND LONG TAPS FORMS DIFFERENT SIGNALS
THE POKÉGEAR PICKS UP THESE SIGNALS AND PASSES THEM ON TO THE DUMMY
TACKLE!

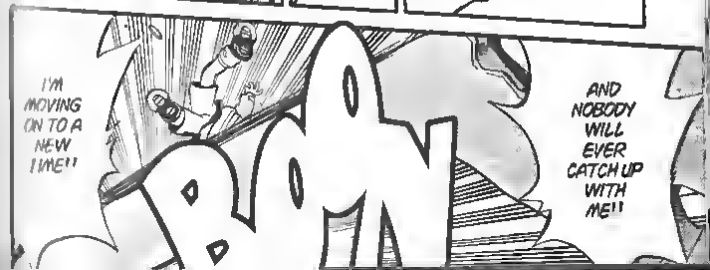
TAP TAP TAP
THAT WAS HOW HE COMMANDED THE POKÉMON!
BEEP BEEP ZAAW


ZAAW GAAW

GR R
RELEASE THOSE PIKACHUS AND THAT EGG!
GR R

KA WA
ARGH!!
ARE YOU HAPPY NOW?
PAA
BWAAA

BOK POK
WOAAHH!!
NOW THAT YOU'VE SEEN MY FACE, IT'S ONLY RIGHT THAT I SILENCE YOU
BUT THERE'S NO NEED FOR THAT NOW
WHAT D'YA MEAN?!
WE WON'T BE MEETING AGAIN.


I'M MOVING ON TO A NEW TIME!!
BOOM
AND NOBODY WILL EVER CATCH UP WITH ME!!

UAAN
ROLL ROLL
SHANK
WHY AREN'T YOU RETRU ATING !!
AH, YOU'RE TRYING TO PROTE T THIS POKEMON EGG!!
UGH ...!!
ZONG
ZON
WHAT A FOOL! HAVE FUN THEN..
I CAN'T WAIT TO TRY THIS OUT.
IF I CAN REALLY ENTER TIME AND TRAVEL THROUGH IT..
GYWWWW
I'M DONE !!
THE BALL'S COM-PLETE !!
CREAK
CREAK

GYWWWW

DOM
URGH
ARG . MY BODY ! CAN'T MOVE..
..I CAN'T DEFEAT HIM.. NOT LIKE THIS..
AHH..
GO-GOLD.

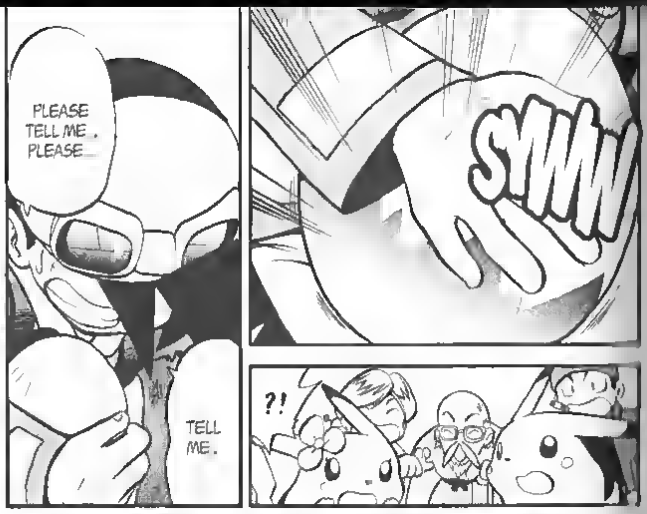
OH! YOU DEFENDED PIKA AND CHUCHU'S EGG..
HEY! YOU OKAY?
YOU'RE ASKING ME? YOU'D BETTER TAKE A LOOK AT YOURSELF!
OH... HAHA, WE WERE ATTACKED TOO.
BY THE TEAM ROCKET MEMBERS UNDER THE MASKED MAN..
WHAT?! ARGH...
AHHH AHHH OUCH
GOLD!! BEFORE YOU BATTLE AGAIN, YOU MUST READ THIS!
IT'S A GIFT FROM THE PROF HIMSELF!
SURE AM GRATEFUL TO HIM. I HOPE IT'S A SECRET BATTLE METHOD!!
HMM.. I DOUBT IT...
GOLD
I WAS TOLD TO PASS THIS TO YOU IF I SHOULD MEET UP WITH YOU.
?
WHAT..
FIGHTER (POKÉMON BATTLE)
TRAINER (POKÉMON TRANING)
HEALER (POKÉMON HEALING)
CAPTURER (POKÉMON CAPTURE)
EVOLVER (POKÉMON EVOLUTION)
WHAT'S THIS?

'ALL THE TRAINERS ENTRUSTED WITH MY POKÉDEX HAVE VERY DIFFERENT ABILITIES.'
'AS A RESEARCHER OBSERVING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TRAINER AND POKÉMON...'
"... I THINK THEIR ABILITIES ARE IMPORTANT TO EACH AND EVERYONE OF THEM."
'RED, A PREVIOUS CHAMPION OF POKÉMON LEAGUE, HE'S THE BEST PERSON FOR POKÉMON BATTLE, A FIGHTER.'
'BLUE, HE'S GOOD AT TRAINING POKÉMON, HE'S A TRAINER."
'YELLOW, THE HEALER WITH THE ABILITIES TO HEAL POKÉMON."
'CHRIS, THE PRO IN POKÉMON CAPTURING, THE CAPTURER."
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF THESE NAMES, EITHER THAN CHRIS...
SO THEY MUST BE MY SENIORS THEN... BUT WHAT'S HE TRYING TO SAY?!
!!
GREEN AND THE BOY SHE ADORES LIKE A BROTHER, SILVER...
"AFTER GREEN CONFIDED IN ME ABOUT HER PAST, I GUESSED THAT THE BOY WHO STOLE MY POKÉDEX WAS SILVER."

"GREEN AND SILVER HAD TRAINED FOR POKÉMON EVOLUTION AND EXCHANGE"
"SO THEY ARE EVOLVER AND EXCHANGER."
HUH?
HEY! WHAT RE YOU SAYING?
(POKEMON
(POKEMO
(POKEMO
(POKE
GREEN SILVER
IS THAT IT?!
THERE MUST BE MORE!!
BAAZ
BAAZ
WHAT ABOUT MY ABILITIES?! THERE MUST BE SOMETHING! THERE MUST BE!!
CAN YOU TELL ME?! I MUST HAVE SOME-THING!!
DON'T I HAVE AN ABILITY THAT PLACES ME ALONGSIDE THE OTHER POKÉMON TRAINERS?!
GOLD, CALM DOWN!!
DON'T TELL ME... HE'S ASKING ME TO GIVE UP THE BATTLE NOW?
HE'S HINTING THAT SINCE I DON'T HAVE ANY SPECIAL ABILITIES, I'D BETTER KNOW MY LIMITS AND GIVE UP NOW?!
NO. THIS CAN'T BE...
I'M SURE

HE WROTE ALL THAT JUST TO TELL ME THIS?!
CAAZ
WHAT A JOKE!!
HOW CAN I STOP NOW?!
I MUST HAVE SOME-THING, DON'T I?
SOME-THING TO BE PROUD OF?!
BATTLE, TRAINING, HEALING, CAPTURE, EVOLUTION, EXCHANGE!!
CAAZ
CAAZ
A SEVENTH ABILITY TO ADD TO THE LIST!!

PROF! PLEASE! PLEASE TELL ME!!
TELL MEEEEE !!


PLEASE TELL ME. PLEASE...
TELL ME.
SWW
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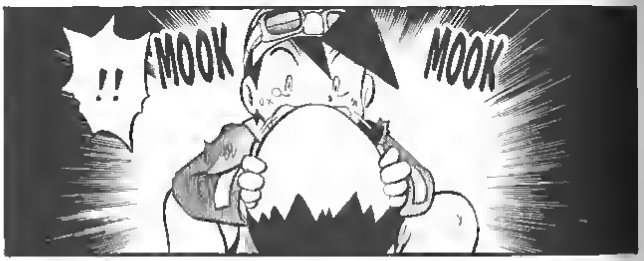
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MOOK
MOOK

PIKA AND CHUCHU'S EGG...
IT'S MOVING !!
HEY, LOOK !!
THERE'S ANOTHER NOTE INSIDE THE ENVELOPE FROM THE PROF!!

"ALL THE TRAINERS I ENTRUSTED WITH MY POKEMON SO FAR, HAVE VERY DIFFERENT ABILITIES...
FIGHTER (POKEMON BATTLE)! TRAINER (POKEMON TRAINING)! HEALER (POKEMON HEALING)! CAPTURER (POKEMON CAPTURE)!
"EVOLVER (POKEMON EVOLUTION)! EXCHANGER (POKEMON EXCHANGE)! AND GOLD..

CREAK
THE SEVENTH IN THE LIST..
THAT MUST BE YOUR ABILITY !!
BREEDER

IT'S POKEMON BREEDING!!

BAAK
BAAK
IT HAS HATCHED!
I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS POKEMON BEFORE
GOLD, WHAT DID YOU DO TO THE EGG...?
I ONLY HELD IT IN MY ARMS JUST NOW..
I ONLY WANTED TO PROTECT IT..
I DIDN'T WANT TO INVOLVE IT IN THE BATTLE!
BUT YOU WERE BORN JUST LIKE THAT...
DONG!
HOW HOW !!
BWIIII
HATCHED BY ME..!

WOOOH
HUH? WHAT !!
GOLD!!
booooo
YOU WANNA GIVE CHASE?!
AFTER THAT OLD MAN?!
BAAZ
WELL THEN ...
BAM
LET'S GO!!
SWWOOOP
GOLD'S DISAPPEARED!! AND WHAT'S WITH THAT AURORA?!
NOW'S NOT THE TIME FOR THIS!! WE SHOULD FOLLOW THEM!!

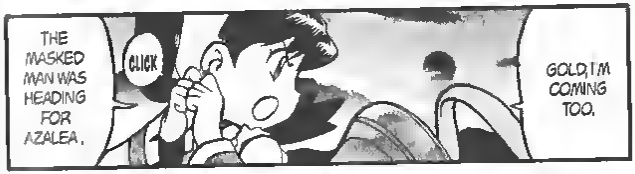
EUSINE...
UH. I'M OKAY
THE BATTLE INSIDE THE CRYSTAL WALL WAS TOUGHER THAN I'D EXPECTED
HE'S NOT THE ONLY ONE
SURGE AND I.. WE CAN'T PROCEED TO THE NEXT BATTLE... EITHER...
AND...
SUICUNE..
SUICUNE, YOU STILL WANNA GO ON, DON'T YOU?
TO THE LAST BATTLE.
I, TOO, WOULD LIKE TO BE THERE WITH YOU... HUFF HUFF.

BUT I'M SORRY. I CAN'T... I CAN'T GO WITH YOU..
YOU MUST FIND A NEW PARTNER!
DONG DONG DONG
SYWW
ME?
POR
MY EARRING
NO WONDER.
HEHEH, HE HAD IT WITH HIM ALL ALONG..
I STARTED WONDERING WHEN I SAW THE EARRING ON YOUR RIGHT EAR
. HE MUST HAVE MADE UP HIS MIND.

IF... IF I CAN'T BATTLE ANYMORE, YOU...
MISTY!
..IT'S OKAY I'M HAPPY NOW...
...AND I'M GLAD FOR HIM TOO..
I'VE PASSED MY POKÉMON THAT I'VE TRAINED AND FOUGHT WITH..
...TO FRIENDS... AND THEY'LL GROW STRONGER WITH MY FRIENDS..
OMANYTE FOR YELLOW.. AND GYARADOS FOR RED..
...EVERY ONE'S DOING FINE.
...SO THIS IS MY WAY AS A TRAINER.
MY.. PRIDE...
I KNEW RIGHT FROM THE START..
THAT I WOULD NOT BE YOUR LAST TRAINER...

PLEASE TAKE CARE OF..
SUICUNE
I WILL!!

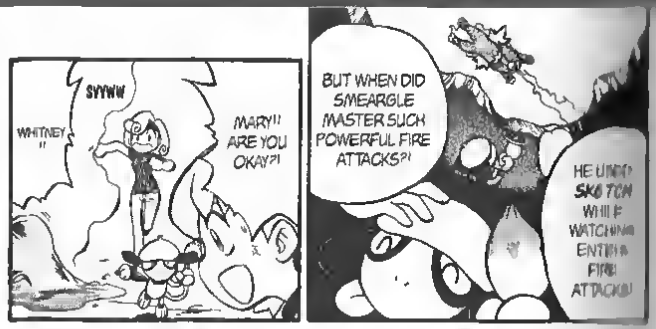
IF SUICUNE IS GOING, THESE TWO WON'T WANT TO STAY...
CAN YOU BRING THEM ALONG?
IS THAT ALRIGHT, SURGE?
YEAH, GO AHEAD!
SUI CUNE
RAIKOU AND ENTEI, LET'S GO TOGETHER!


THE MASKED MAN WAS HEADING FOR AZALEA.
CLICK
GOLD, I'M COMING TOO.

EVERYONE!
HURRY!!

SOB...
HEY, EUSINE-!!
OH!
MY BUDDY !!
FLAP!
FLAP
YOU LOOK DREAD-FUL!
YOU TOO!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
YEAH! BUT IS IT REALLY OKAY TO LET SUICUNE GO...?
HMM. I'M SURE HE'S IMPRESSED BY MY DISPLAY OF PROWESS JUST NOW.
HE WILL DEFINITELY COME BACK.
AFTER ALL, I'M HIS SAVIOR!
!SOB
WHAT ABOUT YOU? WHAT WERE YOU THINKING WHEN YOU SAW HO-OH?
HA HA
I ADMIT I WAS SURPRISED WHEN I SAW THE RAINBOW POKEMON
...THAT I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR ON THE AURORA VISION.
BUT I'M A GYM LEADER.
BEFORE I GO CHASING AFTER THE POKEMON, I NEED TO CONSIDER THE SAFETY OF THE PEOPLE FIRST

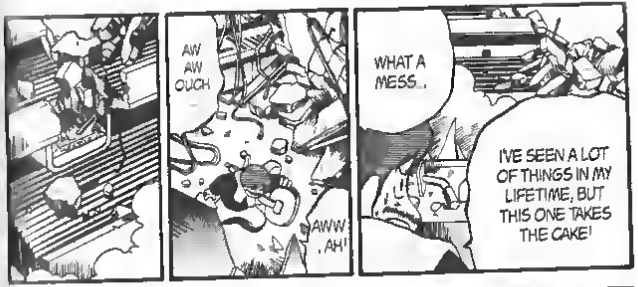
EVEN NOW...
KYYYN
...IF THERE'S ANYONE WHO PLOTS TO HARM THE INNOCENT
!!
THE REMAINS OF THE MASKED MAN'S BODY...
AA
eN
...IT'S REGENERATING ITSELF BY GATHERING THE VAPORS IN THE AIR!!
WHAT?!
WHAT'S WRONG?!
AHH!!
DONG DONG DONG
KYAA!!
ZAAW
GA WA


SYYWW
WHITNEY !!
MARY!! ARE YOU OKAY?!
BUT WHEN DID SMEARGLE MASTER SUCH POWERFUL FIRE ATTACKS?!
HE USED SKETCH WHILE WATCHING ENTEI'S FIRE ATTACKS!

WE MUST BE SO LUCKY... SAVED BY A TECHNIQUE THAT COPIES AN ATTACK...
YES, AND I MUST SAY, PRYCE IS ONE POWERFUL MAN TO CREATE SUCH A BODY TOO..
UH?! THIS IS?!!

...THE BODY CAME ALIVE ON ITS OWN.
BUT AFTER THE FIRE ATTACK, THE ICE JUST MELTED!

WAIT! SMEARGLE'S ATTACK IS NOT JUST A COPY OF ENTEI'S..
...IT ALSO CONTAINS THE FIRE ELEMENT OF ENTEI HIMSELF!
THERE MUST STILL BE PEOPLE WHO'RE TRAPPED UNDER THE DEBRIS. IT'S OUR JOB TO SAVE THEM!
HURRY !!
LET'S GO!!


AW AW OUCH..
AWW.. AH!
WHAT A MESS...
I'VE SEEN A LOT OF THINGS IN MY LIFETIME, BUT THIS ONE TAKES THE CAKE!

HELLO-! ANY-BODY THERE !!
ANY-BODY -?!
!!
HEY, ARE YOU OKAY?!
UH.. OUCH..
HUH !!

DAISY, ARE YOU OKAY?
UHH...
SHE'S COMING AROUND!! CAN YOU HEAR ME?!
ZZNNZZZ